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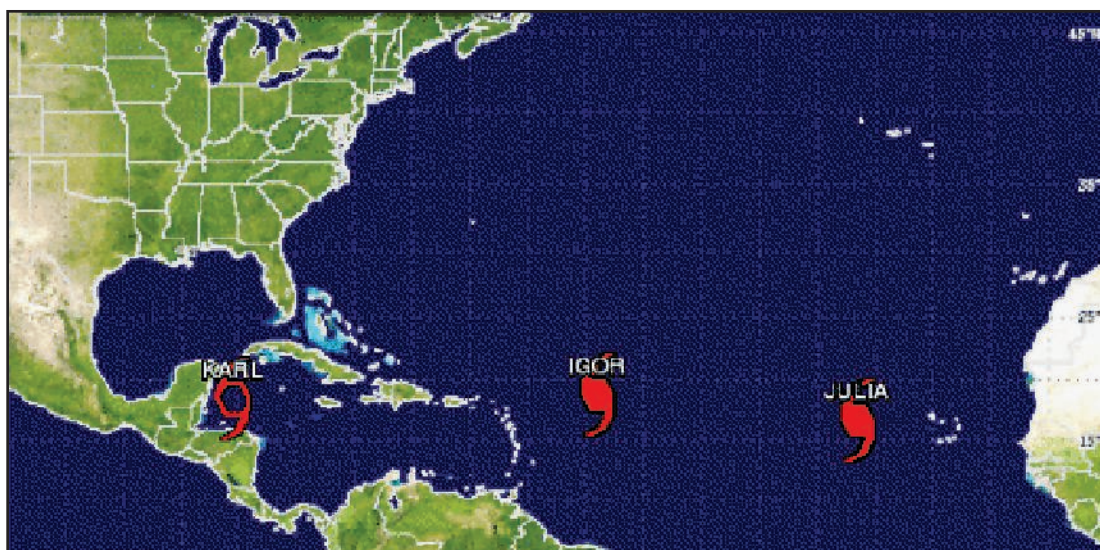
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Storm Karl hits Mexico; hurricane duo roils Atlantic



MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - A rare duo of powerful hurricanes roiled waters far out in the Atlantic as Tropical Storm Karl smashed into Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula yesterday.

For the first time in more than a decade, two potent Atlantic storms were churning at the same time, weather forecasters said, although they posed no immediate threat to land.

"Two major hurricanes are occurring simultaneously in the Atlantic Ocean for the first time since 1999. Hurricanes Igor and Julia are both category four hurricanes," the Weather Channel reported.

Karl made landfall about 30 miles (50 kilometers) east-

northeast of Chetumal, Mexico at about 1245 GMT Wednesday, with top wind speeds of 65 miles (100 kilometers) per hour.

The 11th named storm of the season, Karl was expected to hit Mexico twice, boomeranging onto the Mexican mainland, possibly as early as tomorrow, after its hit on the Yucatan.

The system threatens to dump more rain on Mexico, which already is struggling with flooding in southeastern states including Veracruz and Oaxaca.

Julia surged overnight to category four strength, with top sustained winds at 135 mph (215 kph) per hour, as it

moved far out in the Atlantic.

Meanwhile, Igor was a category-four hurricane, the second highest rating on the five-point Saffir-Simpson scale, the US National Hurricane Center said.

Igor whipped up dangerous swells in the Caribbean yesterday as it barreled west-northwest in the direction of Bermuda packing sustained winds of 145 miles (230 kilometers) per hour.

Igor is not expected to make landfall for days, but forecasters say storm swells will reach Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands by early Wednesday and move from there to Bermuda.

Art Auctions Aruba cancelled this week

The weekly art auction at Windows on Aruba conducted every Thursday will not take place today, but will be back next week with a new format to be announced.

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Pope faces protests and delicate diplomacy in Britain

LONDON (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI begins a historic state visit to Britain today hoping to improve strained links between Catholics and Anglicans but facing anger from victims of paedophile priests.

The pope will visit Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and the city of Birmingham in central England, where the highlight of the four-day trip takes place with a beatification mass for 19th century English cardinal John Henry Newman.

The visit features an audience with Queen Elizabeth II

in Edinburgh, two open-air masses and a prayer vigil, as well as highly symbolic prayers with the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the head of the world's Anglicans.

But in a taste of the protests he is likely to face, British victims of clerical abuse held a press conference in London Wednesday to demand the pope go further than offer an apology.

Peter Saunders, of the National Association for People Abused in Childhood, said: "We need the pope to say, 'I will hand over all the infor-

mation I have about abusing priests wherever they are in the world. I will hand it over to the authorities of the countries where these people are being protected.'"

The pope is widely expected to meet victims of abuse during his visit, but the survivors said they were unaware of anyone being offered a meeting.

Another victim, 45-year-old Chris Daly, said the physical and emotional abuse he suffered at the hands of nuns in a Scottish children's home in the 1970s "has cast a shadow as long as a lifetime".

"I'm broken by what happened to me. People say that this is historic, this is in the past, but survivors live with the legacy of the abuse every day," he told the press conference.

The abuse issue has been thrown back into the spotlight with the publication this week of a plan to deal with paedophile priests in Belgium.

But Benedict will also face protests against his unbending stance on issues such as his opposition to contraception and women priests when an expected 2,000 demonstrators march in London on Saturday under the "Protest the Pope" banner.

Polls show that more than two-thirds of Britons are opposed to the visit.

And Benedict is likely to receive a more muted welcome from Britain's five million Catholics than the huge crowds which greeted his predecessor John Paul II when he paid a pastoral visit to Britain 28 years ago.

It emerged Wednesday that one of the pope's key advisors will not accompany Benedict after comparing Britain to a "Third World country" whose increasingly secular nature frustrated the Vatican.

US clears Colombia for military assistance

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US State Department said Wednesday Colombia was making progress in human rights and deserved that Congress approve giving it more than 30 million dollars in US military aid for fiscal year 2011.

The assessment was included in the yearly certification

report, required by the six-billion-dollar Plan Colombia lawmakers approved in 2000, which was presented last week to Congress, the department said in a statement.

"Though there continues to be a need for improvement, the Colombian government has taken positive steps to improve respect for human rights in the country," it told Congress, asking it to authorize 30.3 billion dollars for the Colombian Armed Forces.

The money goes to help Colombia deal with rampant drug trafficking and guerrilla violence in its territory, but includes monitoring human rights abuses especially by security forces.

The department said the new administration of President Juan Manuel Santos -- sworn in on August 7 -- "has taken significant steps to demonstrate that it takes human rights seriously," both at the social and judicial system levels.

US Democrats get new look for the Nov. vote

WASHINGTON, September 15, 2010 (AFP) - The leadership of President Barack Obama's Democratic Party unveiled a new party logo and slogan on Wednesday, less than two months ahead of mid-term elections in which rival Republicans are expected to make large gains.

The Democratic National Committee's new slogan is "Change that Matters," and the revamped party website at www.democrats.org features a light blue capital D on a white background inside a blue circle.

The previous logo, which featured the letters DNC, dated from the 1993-2001 period when Democrat Bill Clinton was president.

"We're switching the look that has been in place for a decade from a focus on the DNC ... to a focus on the people, Democrats," DNC Chairman Tim Kaine told NBC News.

"More than 75 million Americans proudly claim to be Democrats," he said.

The site on Wednesday featured, among other things, a picture of Obama and dates of upcoming rallies where he will be present.

The change comes ahead of the November 2 mid-term elections in which polls show that Republicans will score gains at state level and in congressional and senate races.



A child smiles before the opening of the ceremony for the Bicentenary of the country's Independence, at the Zocalo square in Mexico City yesterday.

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Civil Registration and Census services improved for San Nicolas

ORANJESTAD -- BUVO, the Government Department of Information, announces that to optimize services to clients, especially those residing in San Nicolas, it is now possible to get six different documents at the Civil Registration and Census offices in San Nicolas. As of today, clients can get the following documents: Certificate of Residency with ID number for married and single persons at Afls. 5; Certificate of good conduct for married and single persons, at Afls. 5; application forms of the Department of Social Affairs to request government assistance and application forms for free lawyer assistance. The last two papers are free of charge.

Also available is the 'Attestatie de Vita' declaration, also at a cost of Afls. 5.

After upgrading services in Savaneta and San Nicolas, they will be gradually do the same at the other auxiliary government offices in Paradera, Santa Cruz and Noord.

The only difference is that the documents will be signed by an employee of the above-mentioned offices. On the document is written 'in name of the Head Civil Registration and Census office,' but the document is valid.

By using these additional services at the different auxiliary offices the demand at the main Census Office will diminish, enabling them to give better service to clients.

A great son of the Caribbean passes on



Veterian Calypso artist Mighty Arrow died Tuesday night in his native island of Montserrat after suffering from brain cancer, it was reported yesterday.

Alphonsus The Mighty Arrow Cassell was born in Montserrat in 1954, and is regarded as being the first 'star' of Soca music. His debut sin-

gle Dance with Me Woman gave him initial success as did hits Bump and Wine and Long Time.

His most famous track which gave him international success was Hot Hot Hot, which made Arrow a worldwide name, putting calypso, soca and caribbean music into the limelight.

Arrow has over 33 music albums under his belt. Hot Hot Hot has sold over 15 million copies worldwide, and millions of copies recorded in twelve different languages, and different versions.

Arrow made history when he became the first calypso soca artist to be awarded the prestigious MBE by the Queen for his service to music.

His music will live on.

May his soul rest in peace.

Colombian hitmen arrested in Spain; suspected to be part of La Negra Group

MADRID, Spain --Two Colombian men were arrested in the Valencia region in eastern Spain who allegedly worked as "debt collectors" for Colombian drug cartels and are suspected of committing over 200 murders.

Henry Norberto Valdés Marín, also known as "El Pollo" and Mauricio Alberto González, alias "El Ronco", were captured by Spanish police on Sunday night at different addresses in the Valencia region after information was

given to them by the Colombian counterparts.

"These are the most dangerous Colombian citizens to have been detained in Spain up until now due to their history and the variety of criminal activities that they were involved with," The Spanish Interior Ministry said, according to the Montreal Gazette.

Both men were also wanted on charges of drug trafficking and illegal weapons possession. They face extradition to Colombia.

Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar visits Aruba Homecare Foundation

Last Tuesday, right after the opening of the new 2010-2011 Parliament Year, Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, visited the Aruba Homecare Foundation. The foundation is a private institution that takes care of senior citizens; it has 25 clients residing there and 11 others who visit the center during the day.

"Today is a good day to visit the center, because I am aware of the job I have cut out for me, to improve the quality of life of our senior citizens. I am aware of the many challenges I have to conquer in order to offer them a better service. With this visit I want to show my commitment to them," Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar said.

The Aruba Homecare Foundation shows us that together we can face and solve all challenges. The foundation exists for 5 years already and was doing its utmost to come into remark to get government assistance. When Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar assumed the post of Minister of Social Affairs she arranged this immediately and they are receiving a 'project assistance,' in order to make more space available for senior citizens who are on a waiting list at the Department of Social Affairs.

It is no secret that the waiting list of the nursing homes is very long; this is because of a lack of space to properly accommodate the elderly. This induced Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar to start with a project where spaces are rented out to accommodate senior citizens in private homes. The development of this project will be evaluated for the possibility to



close more deals with more nursing homes in 2010 to give a 24 hours a day care service.

During her visit Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar greeted and spoke to the foundation's

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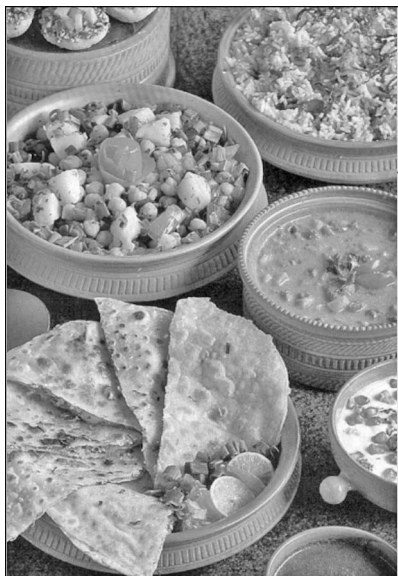
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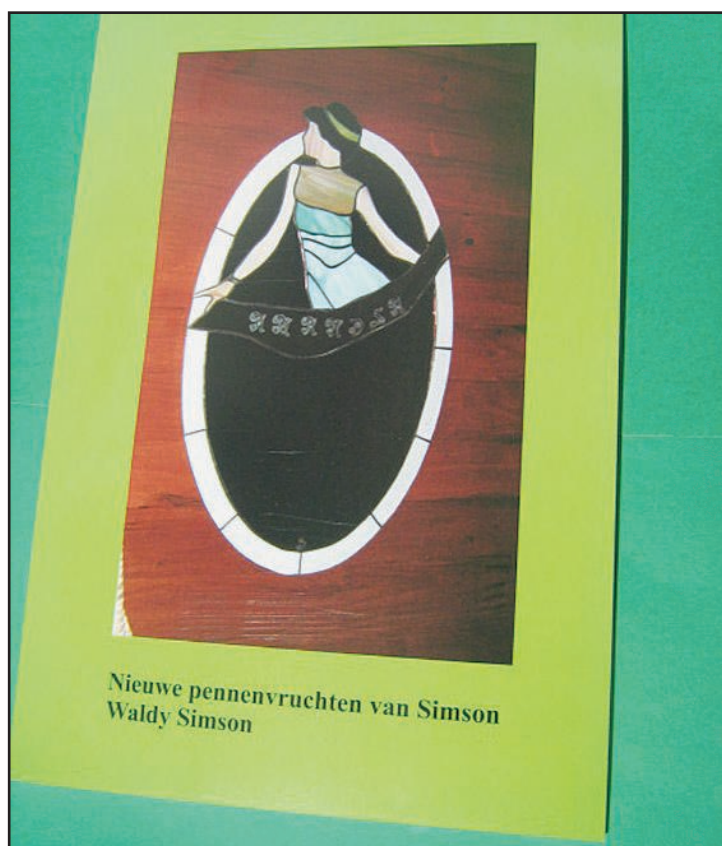
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Waldy Simson will be signing copies of his book 'New fruits of the pen of Simson' this Saturday Sept. 25th



This Saturday September 25th the versatile artist Waldy Simson will be signing copies of his recently published book 'New fruits of the pen of Simson.' The event will take place in Bookstore van Dorp, situated in Dakota, from 11.00 – 13.00 hour.

The book, which was well received since its publication, contains among others poems, songs, the piece Simson an autodidact in the arts part 2, and pictures of works of art made by Simson, which is part of important international art collections and a Surinamese – Dutch vocabulary.

From Simson, who this year celebrates exactly 20 years as an artist, everyone who buy a copy of 'New fruits of the pen of Simson' on Sat-

urday September 25th will also receive completely free, four postcards based on his last written poem '12 January 2010' and a signed copy of his catalogue Waldy Simson.

For a reduced price there will be available framed copies of the poems 'Aruba', 'Sranan' (Surinam), 'Hope' and '12 January 2010.' The poems are printed on paper and painted by Simson. Also available will be framed copies of 'Amandla.'

'Amandla' is the tiffany work of art made by Simson which has become a part of the art collection of the Nelson Mandela National Museum in South Africa.

A copy of 'Amandla' is also forming an important part of the cover of the book 'New fruits of the pen of Simson.'

Issac Delgado, Tizer, Marcus Millar and more 4th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival offers world-class line-up



The fourth Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will take place on October 8 and 9, with a warm-up preceding the festival. Held at Cas di Cultura, as is customary, the event has grown to full adulthood through the years. This means that world-class performers can be attracted to the event and thus the 2010 edition will be filled with the names of enormously talented artists. Names like Issac Delgado, the salsa virtuoso, Tizer featuring Karen Briggs, Marcus Miller, Swing Design, Red Fulka with Roel Calister will be the festival's headliners without contest, but Cosy Cotton with singer Grana Louise is sure to attract a wide audience as well. Cosy Cotton is performing on Aruba for the third year now and we can tell you: it makes the hearts of local and visiting blues fans beat faster. This band is truly something else!

But the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival would not be

complete without the considerable talent of local bands like Sazon Cubano, Mystical Connection, Soul Cowboy, the Muziekschool Band, TimbAche, Off Shore, Serghio Jansen, Ivan Jansen and Data Panik, which is now getting international recognition.

All of the above will get a place in the spotlight on one of the stages at the Plaza di Cultura and they will surely impress audiences during the two festival days.

The weekend of the 8th and 9th October will furthermore be dunked in art in its widest sense of the word: paintings, installations, drawings, poetry, theater and mime belong to the list of performances that can be expected. To make the festival complete there will be a terrific food court as well as vendors.

As the organizers, The Entertainment Group, are dotting the i's and crossing the t's to get everything ship-

shape and ready for two days of explosive excellent music, the excitement is building within Aruba's jazz and music fans. They are greatly looking forward to the Caribbean Jazz Festival 2010. It promises to be super fantastic once again.

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For more information on the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, please visit: <http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com>

Lenticular clouds over Mount Erebus

Photo shows Lenticular clouds hovering over Mount Erebus in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

Lenticular clouds are stationary lens-shaped clouds that form at high altitudes, and are normally aligned perpendicular to the wind direction.

They are usually found where stable moist air flows over a mountain or a range of mountains, since these locations are typical of seeing a series of large-scale standing waves that form on their downwind side.

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the moist air moves back down into the trough of the wave, the cloud may evaporate back into vapor.



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Donating part of their tip money for breast cancer *Aruba's restaurant staffers pitch in with their support of Cas di Glas*



The staffers of various restaurants on Aruba have joined the fundraising effort of Cas di Glas by donating part of their tip money. A super gesture, which will hopefully snowball all over the island.



The Glass House happening, which takes place from September 29 – October 3rd is going to be a unique event: on one hand delighting the population and its visitors with an on-going series of live performances of great bands and deejays, but on the other hand asking for donations in the effort to purchase a mobile breast cancer screening unit. Three deejays are going to stay in the Cas di Glas for four days, hyp-

ing, doing interviews and playing songs; their presence is the pivot around everything that will take place. The focus does not lie on the terrible illness itself, but more on health, a healthy lifestyle, nutrition and sports and on taking the stigma of cancer away. The Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds (KWF), the cancer foundation, is the beneficiary of the Cas di Glas event.

The enthusiasm with which the staffers of restaurants such as Bingo, Papillon, Que Pasa,



Salt & Pepper, Rembrandt and De Pijp have embraced the Cas di Glas fundraising, is heartwarming. Their support varies from a certain amount of money per day to a percentage of their daily tip. Remember that most staffers earn a minimum salary, which is augmented by tips, so this makes their support even more impressive. Moka in the Paseo Herencia Mall is selling cupcakes for US \$4.—of which \$2.—goes to Cas di Glas.

Every bit helps and every-

body on Aruba is invited to come and enjoy the free performances of the bands during the four days of Cas di Glas, but remember: the Cas di Glas has a mission: help prevent women dying from breast cancer. So please donate whatever you can to help start a whirlwind action for no more suffering and bi-annual screening.

Photos show, among others, the terrific staffers of Bingo, Salt & Pepper and Papillon and the Gas di Glas fundraising bottle.

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Sci-Tech

Google health upgrade adds fitness, wellness features

Google on Wednesday unveiled an upgraded Google Health that includes new features and a revamped interface with an increased focus on wellness.

Google is also partnering with several companies to make it easier for users to track their fitness goals on Google Health.

First up is a new dashboard that combines health and wellness information in one place. To facilitate fitness goals, Google partnered with Fitbit and CardioTrainer to incorporate their products into Google Health.

"Our new re-design better organizes your medical information, while creating a more welcoming place to set goals for yourself and check in daily on your progress," Aaron Brown, a senior product manager at Google, wrote



in a blog post.

Fitbit manufactures a wearable device that monitors activity like steps taken, calories burned, and sleep quality; data that can now be incorporated into Google Health. CardioTrainer, meanwhile, is a mobile app for fitness and weight loss. It has been live on Google Health

for about two weeks now, and users have uploaded more than 150,000 workouts to Google Health, the company said.

On the medical side, Google added the ability to take notes or keep a journal about a particular condition or medications you're taking. Google promised "information that is more personalized to your particular set of medical conditions or specific medications."

Google tweaked the interface a bit as well, allowing users to hide items or sections that are old or outdated.

Recent hospitals and healthcare providers that have joined Google Health include Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), and Sharp HealthCare.

US, European scientists map genome of cocoa-bean tree

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Scientists have sequenced the genomes of two trees that produce cocoa beans, the basic ingredient in chocolate and a crop which millions depend on for a living, researchers said Wednesday.

In the United States, researchers from food-maker Mars, technology giant IBM, several universities and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) said they have almost completely sequenced the genome of the Forastero cacao tree, which accounts for 80-90 percent of the world's cocoa production.

"It's a tree that would be like a common grandparent of almost all the cocoa that is grown in the world," David Kuhn, a biologist at the USDA and one of the leaders of the US sequencing effort, told AFP.

In Europe, meanwhile, researchers from six countries, led by France's Center for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (Cirad), sequenced the genome of the Criollo cacao tree, whose beans make up a much smaller percentage of global cocoa production.

Mark Guiltinan, who leads a plant biotechnology lab at Pennsylvania State University which did DNA sequencing, annotation and gene discovery, and helped write up the European research,



said the Cirad-led team focused on a different cacao to the US team, partly to allow the two genome sequences to be compared.

"The comparison will tell us a lot," Guiltinan told AFP, adding the European team also chose to sequence Criollo because "it is known for its fine flavor and may growers would like to use this type if it were more productive."

Scientists have been searching for years for ways to produce cacao trees that can resist pests and diseases, tolerate drought and have higher crop yields.

The sequencing of Criollo reveals "the existence of hundreds of genes which are potentially involved in giving the cacao tree its unique qualities and mechanisms for resisting diseases that seriously affect farmers," Cirad said in a statement.

The two gene sequences will be used to accelerate the

development of disease- and weather-resistant cacao trees whose beans produce high-quality, tasty cocoa, thus improving the lot of farmers and chocolate consumers worldwide, officials from the USDA and Cirad said.

"This will benefit not only the chocolate industry, but also millions of small farmers who will be able to continue to make their living from cacao," said Edward Knipping, administrator of the USDA's agricultural research wing.

"This will benefit small producers in developing countries," Cirad added in its statement.

Cocoa is the third biggest raw material in the world after sugar and coffee, according to the International Cocoa Genome Sequencing Consortium.

Around three million tons of cocoa are produced annually, most of it in Africa. The largest cocoa-producing nation in the world is the west African nation of Ivory Coast, which produces around 40 percent of the world's cocoa, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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Gene therapy success for anaemia patient

PARIS (AFP) – In a rare success for the much-headlined vision of gene therapy, scientists said on Wednesday they had corrected flawed DNA in an 18-year-old man suffering from a debilitating form of anaemia.

The unnamed patient received a gene that corrected a blood disorder known as beta-thalassaemia and three years on, his health is "remarkable" and his quality of life good, they said.

Beta-thalassaemia occurs when a patient is unable to produce enough beta-globin, a component in haemoglobin,

which is used by red blood cells to transport oxygen around the body.

The body's organs, depriving of sufficient oxygen, can be badly damaged without regular, and lifelong, blood transfusions.

The alternative treatment is bone marrow transplant, but only a small minority of patients have access to this because of difficulties in finding the right type of donor.

Reporting in the science journal Nature, doctors led by Philippe Leboulch of Harvard Medical School, used a virus as a "Trojan horse" to

deliver a slice of DNA into cells which corrected for the flawed beta-LCR gene.

"At present, approximately three years post-transplantation, the biological and clinical evolution is remarkable and the patient's quality of life is good," they said.

The patient, who had been received blood transfusions since the age of three, last received donated blood in June 2008, a year after the operation.

Leboulch sounded a note of caution, saying that the Trojan horse, a type of virus that is called a lentivirus, may have altered the function of a gene that controls the behaviour of blood stem cells.

As a result, there has been a mild expansion in the number of these cells.

At present, the increase is benign, but in theory it could be a prelude to leukaemia, which is a factor for doctors weighing whether to use the

therapy on other patients.

Gene therapy burst on the medical scene in the late 1990s, offering the allure of blocking or reversing inherited disease.

So far, though, successes have been few, limited to single-gene disorders -- as opposed to complex multi-gene disorders that account for the commonest diseases -- and they have been carried out under tightly-controlled lab conditions.

TIP: Traveling by Air during pregnancy

Flying is safe for most healthy women who are pregnant, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) says, although some airlines have restrictions during the last month of pregnancy. Some general suggestions for pregnant women who travel by plane:

- * Try to reserve an aisle seat, so you can get up and stretch your legs during a long trip.

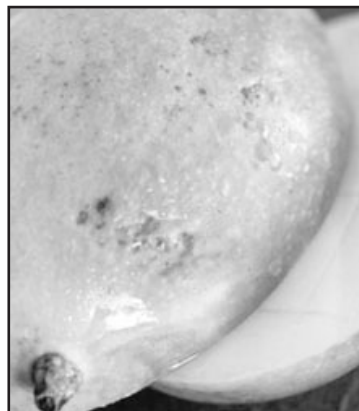
- * Don't drink carbonated beverages or eat foods that cause gas before you fly.

- * Always wear your seatbelt on the flight, with the belt beneath your belly.

- * Ask your doctor about anti-nausea medication if you tend to feel sick during flights.

Mango

Sweet, funky and oh-so-irresistible. Find out why mangoes are a great, healthy fruit to be addicted to.



How much to eat?

An average mango weighs about 150 g. They can be eaten just as is, or mixed into fruit salads.

Key benefits

Mango is thought to bring about a reduced risk of colon and cervical cancer. It is a rich source of beta-carotene, which the body can convert to vitamin A. It also contains beta-cryptoxanthin.

Maximising the benefits

As beta-cryptoxanthin is best absorbed by the body when eaten with fat, it is a good idea to eat mangoes as part of a meal, rather than on their own.

Discover the Treasures Across the Bridge

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Cura Cabai
San Nicolas



View of the Spaan Lagoen



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



Boca grande kitespot in San Nicolas

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, on the west coast, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is a small bay within the two km long and up to five hundred meters wide. By the tidal force has created a special ecosystem: a wetlands (wetlands). Wetlands are areas and between rural areas and wetlands have high biodiversity. Therefore, the inner bay of great importance for waterfowl and is also an important nursery for reef fish and crustaceans.

The Spaans Lagoen area flows into Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the

oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recaptured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter Cura Cabai located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, San Nicolas, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean to work in the Lago oil refinery.

San Nicolas was named after a man who owned of a

big piece of land there. This man was named Nicolaas van der Biest. In the early days owners of big piece of land are addressed by "Shon" with the first name after. So the people used to call him Shon Nicolaas. That later turned into San Nicolas. Some stories indicate that the Spanish influence had something to do with this.

Following east you will find Seroe Colorado. Seroe Colorado translates to "colorful hill." The name of the place refers to the 30 meters high of pure limestone at the endpoint in the east of Aruba. The hill got its name due to the brown yellowish color of the limestone.



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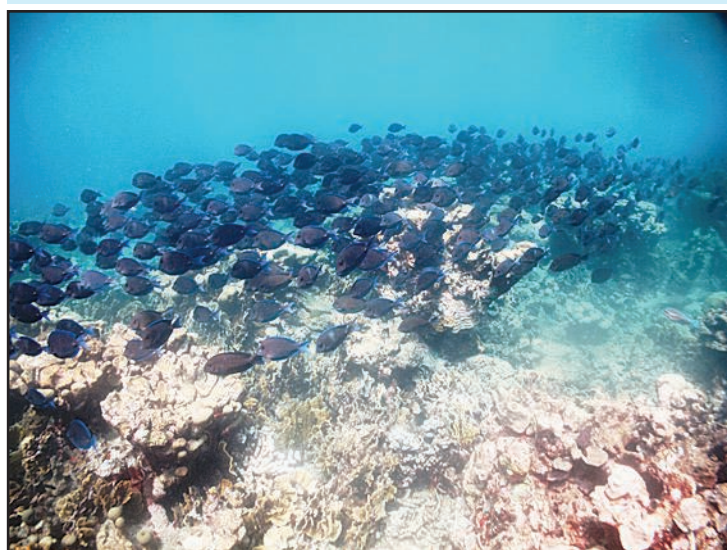
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Nevertheless, people think scuba diving is difficult but they are wrong almost everybody can dive. In fact, it is really easy to do and get your first course in just three steps:

First, spend some time in the classroom to have a better understanding of the parameters and watch some videos about your dive.

Second, when you are ready to dive, learn first some skills in the pool using the scuba equipment in company and under the direct supervision of your instructor.

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In addition, I would recommend people try scuba diving first and then do the course if you like it. It will change your life in such a way that it will make you appreciate and care

more about this awesome and remarkable environment that takes so long to grow.

**Written by Gino Giannone
Open Water Scuba Instructor
Underwater Photographer
and Videographer**

Lady Gaga says she's "not a piece of meat"

LOS ANGELES, California – Lady Gaga said the controversial "meat" dress she wore at the MTV Video Music Awards was intended to make a statement.

Winning eight prizes at Sunday's ceremony, the glam pop performance artist chose to accept one of her statuettes wearing nothing but a raw, red meat dress with a matching purse, that became one of the most talked about moments of the televised show.

"If we don't stand up for what we believe in and if we don't fight for our rights, pretty soon we're going to have as much rights as the meat on our bones," Lady Gaga, 24, told talk show host Ellen DeGeneres on her TV program broadcast on Monday.

"And, I am not a piece of meat," she added.

Sunday's outfit comes on the heels of a meat bikini Gaga donned for the cover of Vogue Hommes Japan's September issue. It was one of several different costumes the singer wore on Sunday, including one that looked like a large black trash bag.

Animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said that "wearing a dress made from cuts of dead cows is offensive enough to bring comment."

Lady Gaga told DeGeneres she meant no disrespect to anyone that is vegan or vegetarian, and called herself "the most judgement free human being on the earth."

Singer Cher, whom Gaga asked to hold her meat purse while accepting her award on stage, defended the 24-year old songbird.

In a series of several tweets regarding the meat dress, Cher



wrote on Monday that as an "art piece it was astonishing!" and that the meat purse was "genius."

Continuing on Twitter, Cher added: "modern art elicits discussion, introspection & conflict! Everyone's talking about it! BINGO!"

Meanwhile, Lady Gaga is launching her own fragrance line.

Rumors that the Poker Face hitmaker was partnering with cosmetic giant Coty for her own perfume were brushed off earlier this year but now bosses have officially announced the collaboration.

Gaga's first scent is expected to hit shelves in 2012, Coty's senior vice president Stephen Mormoris said.

The singer will be the latest in a string of pop stars to have her own fragrance. She follows in the footsteps of others like Britney Spears and Beyonce

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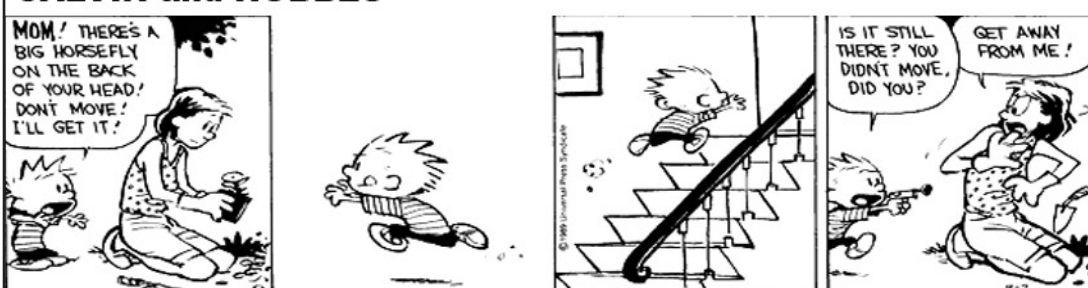
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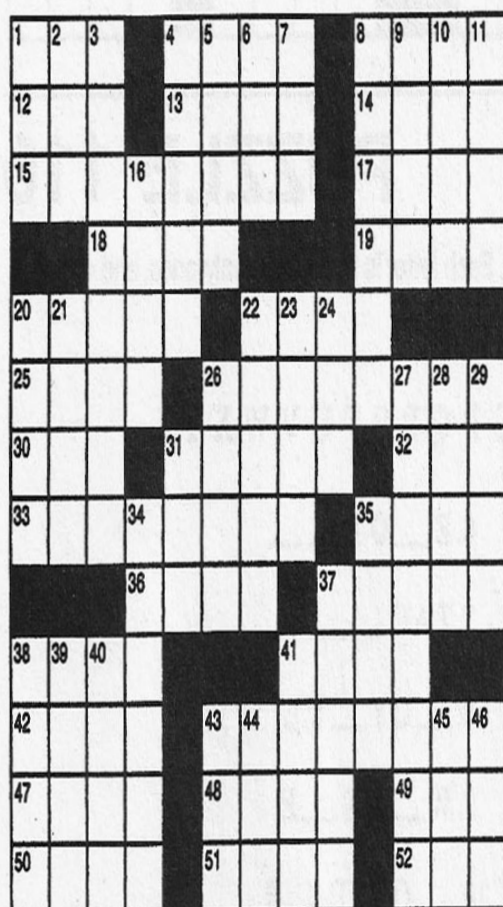
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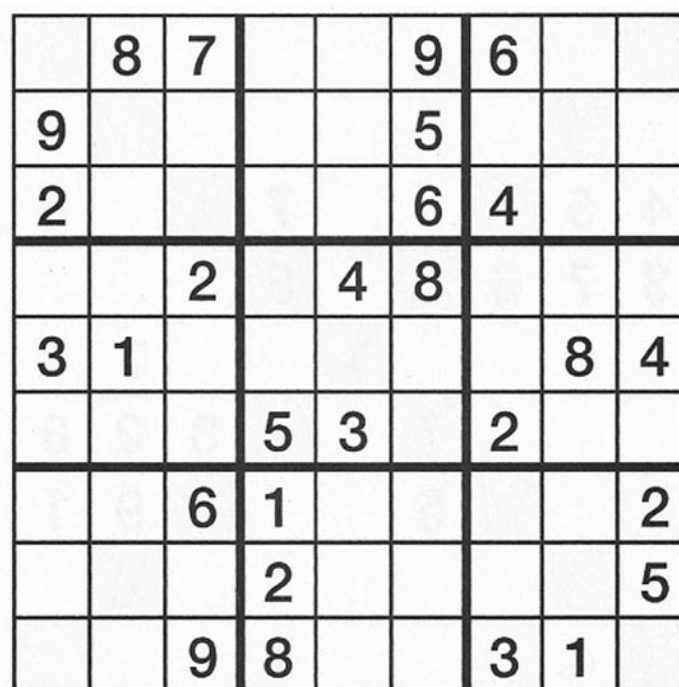
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Europe moves to end financial market 'Wild West'

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) — The European Union announced new rules yesterday to tame a 'Wild West' of speculative high-risk trading instruments blamed for the worst global financial crisis since the 1930s' Great Depression.

Two years to the day since the collapse of US investment bank Lehman Brothers, the European Commission proposed new rules to ensure more transparency in over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives and the "short-selling" of securities.

"No financial market can afford to remain a Wild West territory," said EU Financial Services Commissioner Michel Barnier, warning that OTC derivatives have a "big impact" on the prices of products ranging from mortgages to food.

"The absence of any regulatory framework for OTC derivatives contributed to the financial crisis and the tremendous consequences we are all suffering from," he said.

The goal is to prevent a fail-

ure in any one market from reverberating across the financial system, as the collapse of Lehman Brothers did, Barnier said.

The new rules would require investors to report derivatives trades in the 27-nation EU to central data centres. Such reporting is not required at the moment.

The EU's executive arm also wants to set up a tracking system for "short-selling," the sale of a security not owned by the seller in the hope of turning a profit by buying it back later at a lower price.

The rules would give national regulators, in coordination with new EU-wide supervisors, the power to restrict or ban short-selling in "exceptional situations" in order to prevent a crisis.

The EU especially wants to curb the scope for short-selling in sovereign credit default swaps, a derivative sometimes seen as a form of insurance against the risk of default.

WTO backs Europe in Boeing findings, says EU trade chief

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) — European Union trade commissioner Karel De Gucht yesterday said WTO findings on US state aid for Boeing "support the EU's view" in the decade-long dispute.

After details leaked from France and rival European aircraft maker Airbus of a ruling that US subsidies paid to Bo-

eing were illegal, De Gucht said "the analysis conducted appeared very thorough and its conclusions support the EU's view in the disputes."

"A more detailed assessment is needed but I believe even more strongly than before that the question of subsidies to aircraft manufacturers can be settled only by way of negotia-

European stocks close lower

LONDON, England (AFP) — European stock markets closed lower yesterday as soft US data sparked fresh doubts over the economic outlook and investors tried to get a fix on the first Japanese forex intervention since 2004.

Dealers said US industrial output data slowed in August, as expected, but there was weakness too in a New York region report, doing little for sentiment after recent strong gains made on hopes the recovery would be sustained.

Tokyo's foray into the market to halt the yen's rise, and so ease the pressure on its exporters, proved initially effective, sparking large gains in Japanese stocks and in the dollar but the momentum faded over the day.

Dealers said the big question now was how much further Tokyo would go, with Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda pledged further steps after weeks of trying in vain to talk the yen down.

In London, the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed down 0.21 percent to 5,555.56 points. In Paris, the CAC 40 index lost 0.50 percent to reach 3,755.64 points and in Frankfurt, the DAX dropped 0.22 percent to 6,261.87 points.

The euro was firmer at 1.3008 dollars, up from 1.2994

dollars in New late Tuesday while the dollar jumped to 85.61 yen from 83.06 yen.

Gold slipped back to 1,267 dollars an ounce from record highs just under 1,275 dollars made Tuesday on safe-haven buying.

Dealers said the announcement of new EU rules to regulate speculative investment instruments and practices, including short-selling, blamed for the global financial crisis may also have dampened confidence.

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In Paris, one dealer said the market was little moved overall, with the CAC 40 index facing strong technical resistance at 3,800 points.

"For the moment, there is no lead strong enough to take the market out of this range and it will likely hold around these levels for the next few

days," the dealer said.

In New York, the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.35 percent at around 1615 GMT while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite index gained 0.38 percent, recovering from early losses.

US industrial production rose a modest 0.2 percent in August, down from 0.6 percent rise in July and slightly less than expected by analysts, while another report showed manufacturing in the New York region slowed in September.

Joseph Hargett, analyst at Schaeffer's Investment Research, said the markets will be closely watching what Japan may do next on the yen.

Elsewhere in Europe, Amsterdam fell 0.26 percent, Brussels shed 0.28 percent, Madrid was off 0.51 percent, Milan shed 0.62 percent and Swiss stocks lost 0.50 percent.

In Asian trade earlier yesterday, Tokyo closed up 2.34 percent after the government intervened for the first time since March 2004 to bring the Japanese currency down from a 15-year high of 82.86 yen to the dollar.

Hong Kong rose 0.14 percent but Shanghai lost 1.34 percent. Sydney gained 0.76 percent.

Japan moves to weaken yen

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) — Japan yesterday stepped into the currency markets for the first time since 2004 in a bid to stem the yen's appreciation against the dollar and help safeguard a faltering recovery.

The strident move came a day after Prime Minister Naoto Kan reaffirmed his leadership in a ruling party election victory over Ichiro Ozawa, a heavyweight political rival seen as more likely than Kan to take firm action.

The yen fell to as low as 85.52 to the dollar following the yen-selling intervention, which was triggered by the Japanese unit's earlier surge to a fresh 15-year high of 82.86.

Kan said the yen had

"reached the stage where we could not leave it untouched. So, we intervened."

Earlier, Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda pledged further steps after weeks of trying in vain to talk the yen lower through verbal warnings.

A strong yen puts many Japanese exporters at a disadvantage against foreign rivals as it erodes their repatriated earnings and competitiveness.

Officials did not reveal the size of the intervention but Dow Jones Newswires cited traders saying Tokyo likely sold at least one trillion yen (11.7 billion dollars) during the day.

Authorities continued selling yen into European trading and were prepared to extend

the operation into the US session, officials said.

A senior finance ministry official said Japan would step into the market in Tokyo today if needed, Jiji Press reported.

Noda said the move was made unilaterally, but added Japan had been in touch with foreign governments amid qualms from Europe and the United States that exchange rates should be kept free-floating.

"Our country's economy is still in a very severe situation with continued deflation," said Noda. The yen's rapid appreciation "harms the stability of the economy and finances. We cannot tolerate it."

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All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in



Olgita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal

how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain - to die for - Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the

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First female captain for UAE's Etihad Airways

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) — Sophie Blanchard shares the name of a French aviation pioneer and has now become one herself -- as the first female captain, or pilot in command, for Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways.

"I am very happy. It still is a pretty macho environment, but my colleagues here encouraged me a lot, and the flight attendants are very proud," said the 33-year-old mother of two, a French citizen.

Blanchard joined Etihad as its first female pilot three years ago and last week took off from Abu Dhabi to London on her first flight as captain, sitting in the left-hand seat of an Airbus A330-200.

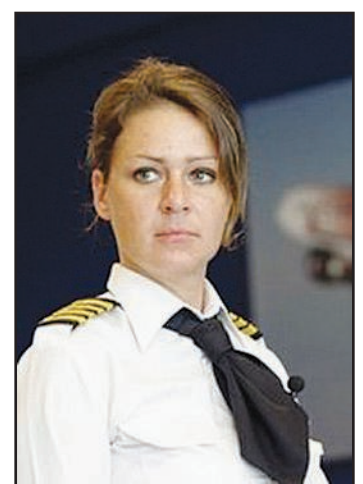
Her 18th century namesake was the first professional female balloon pilot, who even attracted the attention of French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

The modern-day Blanchard first flew an aircraft when she was 19, then joined her stepfather's Belgium-based freight company as its only female pilot.

"We used to work under very extreme conditions. I was flying a very old DC-8, a four-engine plane that was built in 1962," Blanchard said.

"Very often we just ended up with only three engines left, landing in airports where there was no help, by night, in spite of power cuts and sometimes with a storm. Now, I am actually resting a little," she laughed.

Blanchard later joined an Icelandic cargo company that



Sophie Blanchard

was leasing planes to Etihad Airways. When United Arab Emirates law was changed to enable women to sponsor their husbands for residence permits, she applied for a position at Etihad and was recruited in May 2007.

"It is a very male-dominated profession," said Captain Richard Hill, the airline's chief operations officer.

"In my career, I have flown with 10 or 15 women," he said. "To survive or get to where they are they have to be very good at their jobs and they are exceptionally good pilots."

Among Blanchard's battles were changes to her uniform. She now wears better-fitting trousers and does not have to sport a male necktie.

"But I am not sitting in a cockpit to be a woman," she said. "I am here to be a pilot. And our schedule has not been changed to accommodate us."

"It is a challenge to make yourself respected as a woman."

Ibrahimovic breaks Milan duck to down Auxerre



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates after scoring against AJ Auxerre during their UEFA Champions League football match at San Siro stadium in Milan

MILAN (AFP) - Zlatan Ibrahimovic got off the mark for AC Milan with a brace to down Auxerre 2-0 in the Champions League at San Siro on Wednesday.

The 24-million-euro signing, who missed a penalty on his debut away to Cesena on Saturday, started to pay back his big fee as he netted twice in the second half in a game that had been evenly poised until then.

Auxerre had frustrated the hosts until the mid-point of the second period and in fact come closer to scoring, but Milan's superior class told in the end in their first Group G encounter.

In netting, Ibrahimovic matched Hernan Crespo's record of having scored for five different clubs in the Champions League.

The hosts almost shot themselves in the foot on five minutes as Andrea Pirlo was dispossessed in the box by Valter Birsa with the ball breaking to Steeven Langil, but he didn't really get hold of his shot from an angle and Christian Abbiati made a comfortable save.

Milan's first chance came on 20 minutes with a Pirlo free-kick that goalkeeper Olivier Sorin strangely punched clear when it looked easy to catch the ball.

But the hosts had an escape moments later as Kenyan Dennis Oliech's towering header from Benoit Pedretti's corner came back off the bar.

At the other end Ronaldinho's impudent backheel released the overlapping Luca Antonini who pulled the ball back for Kevin-Prince Boateng -- on as an early substitute for injured captain Massimo Ambrosini -- but his shot and Alexandre Pato's follow-up were both blocked by sprawling bodies.

The French visitors should have gone into the break in the lead after a lightning counter-attack but Langil opted to shoot despite three team-mates waiting for a pull-back and he blazed his effort wildly over the bar.

The rossoneri were quickly on the attack after the restart, Ronaldinho playing an inviting cross into the box that Pato could only prod into

Sorin's grateful arms.

Pirlo followed that up with a daisy-cutter that Sorin tipped around the post.

When the first goal came on 66 minutes it showed the difference in quality between the two teams.

Ronaldinho curled the ball into the area and Boateng made a diagonal run to glance the ball into Ibrahimovic's path six yards out, from where he couldn't miss.

Ibrahimovic took the plaudits from the fans but tellingly Pirlo ran up to congratulate Boateng, whose vision had proved decisive.

Three minutes later Auxerre got caught pushing for the equaliser as Ronaldinho ran at the heart of their defence and slipped the ball left to Ibrahimovic, who curled it inside the far post.

Boateng missed a chance to open his Milan account as he ran onto another delightful Ronaldinho cross, but he couldn't make clean contact.

Oliech should have set up a grandstand finale after a neat one-two with Ireneusz Jelen but he went for the near post and Abbiati got down well to save.

Jelen then had the ball in the net but was clearly off-side.

Ibrahimovic's fellow new boy Robinho had two late chances to get himself on the scoresheet but seemed to lack sharpness.

Other results on Wednesday:

Group E

Bayern Munich (GER) 2 (Mueller 79, Klose 83) Roma (ITA) 0

CFR Cluj (ROM) 2 (Rada 9, Traore 12) Basel (SUI) 1 (Stocker 45+2)

Group F

Marseille (FRA) 0 Spartak Moscow (RUS) 1 (Azpilicueta 81-og)

MSK Zilina (SVK) 1 (Oravec 55) Chelsea (ENG) 4 (Essien 13, Anelka 24, 28, Sturridge 48)

Group G

Real Madrid (ESP) 2 (Anita 31-og, Higuain 73) Ajax (NED) 0

AC Milan (ITA) 2 (Ibrahimovic 66, 69) Auxerre (FRA) 0

Group H

Arsenal (ENG) 6 (Fabregas 9-pen, 53, Arshavin 30, Chamakh 34, Vela 69, 84) Sporting Braga (POR) 0

Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 1 (Srna 71) Partizan Belgrade (SRB) 0

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Raina, Vijay set up big Chennai win

CENTURION (AFP) - Suresh Raina and Murali Vijay played the Wayamba Elevens bowling and set up a second successive big win for the Chennai Super Kings in a Champions League Twenty20 tournament match at SuperSport Park on Wednesday.

Raina hit 87 and Vijay 68 as Chennai raced to a tournament-best 200 for three after being sent in to bat.

Wayamba could only score 103 all out in reply as Chennai won by 97 runs to take control of Group A.

The Indian Premier League champions won their opening match against the Central Stags by 57 runs and with two matches remaining must be hot favourites to reach the semi-finals.

Raina and Vijay put on 137 in 12 overs for the second wicket for Chennai.

Opening batsman Vijay set the early pace but once the left-handed Raina got set he played some stunning strokes, scoring his 87 runs off only 44 balls.

His innings included six sixes - four of them in one over from Wayamba's star spin bowler Ajantha Mendis, all struck over mid-wicket.

Raina looked set for a century until he was caught by a

leaping Jehan Mubarak at cover off Chanaka Welegedara with 15 balls remaining in the innings. Vijay was caught in the deep off the next ball after making 68 off 46 balls.

Chennai captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni praised Raina and Vijay for the way they paced their innings.

"It was a good total to defend," he said.

Wayamba's chase started disastrously, with the Sri Lankan side losing their first six wickets for 35 runs in six overs.

Albie Morkel took a wicket with the second ball of the innings and followed up with wickets in both his next two overs in an opening spell of 3-22.

Fellow opening bowler Doug Bollinger claimed the key wicket of Mahela Jayawardene, who was caught at third man by Sri Lankan team-mate Muttiah Muralitharan for 10, and off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin took two wickets in his first over and finished with four for 18.

Wayamba captain Jehan Mubarak admitted his team had been outplayed.

"They are a very good team. We knew we had to be at our best to compete with them."

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American Ryan signs five-year contract with Ducks

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - American Bobby Ryan, who represented the US at the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, has signed a five-year contract to remain with the Anaheim Ducks.

The 23-year-old Ryan inked a deal which will keep

him with the National Hockey League club until 2015.

Ryan scored a career-high 61 points for the Ducks last season, leading the team with 35 goals. Ryan won a silver medal with Team USA at the Vancouver Olympics.

Packers Grant out for season, report



MILWAUKEE (AFP) - Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant is out for the season with an ankle injury.

Grant tore a ligament in his ankle in the second quarter of the Packers 27-20 win over Philadelphia on Sunday,

the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Tuesday.

Grant, who rushed for 1,200 yards in each of the past two NFL seasons, is expected to need surgery followed by extensive rehab to repair the damage.

Embattled running back Bush to forfeit Heisman trophy



NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - Former University of Southern California star running back Reggie Bush is handing back the Heisman Trophy, marking the first time in the award's 75-year history that a player has forfeited it.

The unprecedented move to return the award given to the top college gridiron player in the United States, comes after it was ruled that the 25-year-old Bush breached NCAA requirements governing monetary benefits.

The embattled Bush, who now plays for the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League, called the decision "heartbreaking". He said he was giving back the award but has denied any wrongdoing and referred to

only "allegations" against him.

"I have made the difficult decision to forfeit my title as Heisman winner of 2005," Bush said in a statement released by the NFL club. "Allegations dating back to my years at USC has been both painful and distracting. In no way should the storm of these allegations reflect in any way the dignity of this award."

Bush won the award in 2005 when he played for USC. The school was slapped with strong sanctions in June after a probe disclosed that some of the financial benefits Bush received broke NCAA eligibility rules.

The investigation determined Bush and his family had received money and gifts from a pair of California

agents.

"I will forever appreciate the honor bestowed upon me as a winner of the Heisman. While this decision is heart-breaking, I find solace in knowing that the award was made possible by the support and love of so many. Those are gifts that can never be taken away," Bush said.

USC said it would remove all jerseys and displays of Bush and give back its replica of Bush's Heisman Trophy.

The penalties to the USC football programme included a two-year bowl ban along with a forfeiture of victories.

The forfeited wins started in December 2004 and includes all wins during the 2005 season. It also includes USC's national championship game win over Oklahoma in the 2005 Orange Bowl.

Bush won the Heisman in a landslide victory over Texas quarterback Vince Young. The award could be left vacant or given to Young.

"My opinion would be; I would love for the Heisman Trust to look at a re-vote or give it to the second guy, which therefore would be Vince," Texas college coach Mack Brown said.

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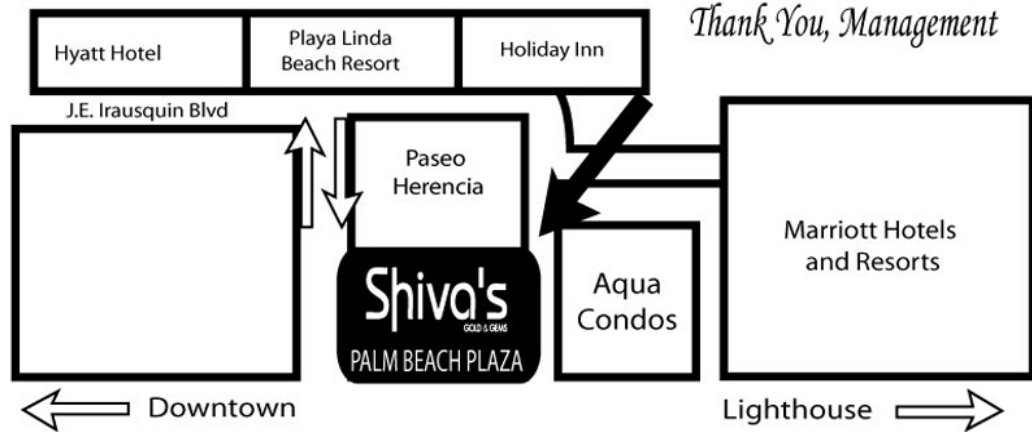
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Bolt targets 'unbeatable' 9.4sec dash



SYDNEY (AFP) - Jamaican sprint superstar Usain Bolt hopes to lower his 100 metres world record from 9.58 to 9.4 seconds, a mark he believes would never be beaten, a report said on Wednesday.

However Bolt, in Sydney

for 10-year anniversary celebrations of the 2000 Olympics, said bettering the time he set last year in Berlin was not an "obsession".

"That's where the record is gonna stay," he told Sydney's Daily Telegraph, referring to

9.4sec. "But it's not an obsession. I already have the world record."

Bolt, a double world record-holder in the 100m and 200m and the Olympic and world champion in both events, also said he hoped to seal his legacy at London 2012.

"London is a very big stage for me because there are so many Jamaicans in London," he said. "It will change my career there. I'll keep doing, but I'll do something different."

Bolt is reportedly considering tackling the 400m and challenging American legend Michael Johnson's 1999 record of 43.18sec.

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Federer or Nadal - best-ever debate is back on

NEW YORK (AFP) - Roger Federer is still widely regarded as being the best player of all time, but if the US Open is anything to go by, he may not remain so for much longer.

Rafael Nadal's sweeping title win in New York on Monday has re-opened the debate, just over a year after Federer assumed the best-ever mantle with back-to-back wins at the French Open and Wimbledon.

The win in Paris completed Federer's Grand Slam set while his triumph in London a few weeks later took him past the career record

mark of 14 titles that Pete Sampras had set in 2002.

Federer then won the Australian Open in January to make it 16, but at 29 he is entering the veteran stage.

Nadal's win in New York made him the seventh man to win all four Grand Slam titles and he now has a total of nine. At just 24, he is in the prime of his career and is expected to win more.

"I think talk about if I am better or worse than Roger is stupid, because the titles say he's much better than me, so that's true at that moment. I think will be the true all my life," he said.



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